

Critical Health Care For Iraqi Women



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Selma Khar-Allah and her little boy Mustafa sit and wait to talk to Dr. Sinor Qadir during one of the mobile team visits to the village of Tewala.

USAID provided a grant to maintain two mobile women's health work teams in remote villages around As Sulaymaniyah (As Sulaymaniyah Governorate), Kirkuk (At Tamim Governorate), Arbil (Arbil Governorate) and Mosul. These teams provide both critical health services to over 2000 women, as well as abuse intervention and social work assistance.

In addition, the access afforded to these teams provides an opportunity to address other issues of women's empowerment and trust building between often segregated ethnic and religious groups. Though largely Kurdish in composition, the teams do include an Arab volunteer to work within Arab communities. USAID coordinates with the Iraqi Ministry of Health and the Coalition Provisional Authority.

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